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Ky Says U.S. Must Keep Up Support

By George Murphy

As hundreds of police faced thousands of demonstrators outside the Fairmont Hotel, Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky of the Republic of Vietnam told the Commonwealth Club there yesterday that America must continue to support the Saigon government.

"... I can expect you to demand that the Communist side must now respect the basic principle of democracy, namely to let people free to decide their own future.

"You must make them understand that aggression cannot succeed. You must make them understand that violence will not pay."

Despite the tightest security precautions seen here in years, as Ky neared the end of his 30-minute speech a young man shouted from the balcony of the Grand Ballroom, "this man is telling you lies!"

Themman unfurled a Viet Cong flag and draped it over the balustrade. He was later identified as Richard Lippman, 25, of 2390 Eunice street, Berkeley, a student

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Commonwealth Club president John Busterud and Ky at the head table during the luncheon.

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teacher at San Francisco State College.

Some of the 1000 members of the audience yelled "Out, Get him out!" "Give him a haircut!" and "Castrate him!"

Ky appeared unruffled by the interruption and stood calmly by the podium as security agents hustled the man from the ballroom. Lippman was later questioned and released.

Ky received standing applause — not quite ovations — at the beginning and end of his speech, but was not interrupted by applause during it.

LUNCHEON

The 39-year-old Vice President and his wife, Mai, arrived from Washington at about 3 a.m. yesterday, and were sped to the Fairmont. Mrs. Ky attended yesterday's Commonwealth Club luncheon.

During the traditional question-and-answer period, Ky said the press in Vietnam "has more freedom than the press here... more freedom than they deserve, particularly in wartime."

Commonwealth Club President John Busterud, a lawyer, commented: "Speaking of the press, I'm informed that the disturbance upstairs was made by an accredited press representative."

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The report was unconfirmed at the time, and later proved to be erroneous. Busterud promised he would put a correction in the Club bulletin, but did not say how the correction would be made over the 31 California radio stations which broadcast the event.

Lippman apparently used a forged press card to gain entrance to the balcony, which was used by cameramen, and reporters unable to get

press table tickets on the ballroom floor.

Police were at a loss to explain how Lippman got by the check points. And one San Francisco plainclothesman, who did not want to be identified, said later, "if he could smuggle in a Viet Cong flag, he sure could have smuggled in a gun."

'UNFRIENDLY'

Ky was asked about reports he was receiving \$15,000 a week in payoffs from the Saigon racetrack, and displayed emotion for the first time.

This is an unfriendly question. This is not a delicate question," he said. "You can ask the South Vietnamese people and they will assure you I am clean and honest. . . . if this is not true, I am ready to go before a firing squad."

In answer to another question, Ky implied that drugs are smuggled into South Vietnam by American troops returning from rest-and-recreation leave and are not obtained from Vietnamese.

"I am aware of this (drug) problem among American troops," he said. "I think a joint investigation by the United States and South Vietnam should begin. Planes that go to other nations on 'R and R' are military planes, and thus they do not go through Vietnamese customs."

'HITLER'

He was asked about a quotation attributed to him as saying "I have only one hero — Hitler."

"The purpose of my trip is to help the American people know more about us and understand better our position, our feelings and aspirations.

"The American people need to know these things because they have already giv-

en so much to the Vietnamese people."

Ky replied, "the press in this country has given me various names—warmonger, dictator, lady-killer, if you like (laughter) — it's not true. I am against any form of dictatorship."

Ky, nearing the end of his "unofficial" visit to the United States — he will probably leave for Saigon tomorrow or Friday — spent most of the time visiting military installations where Vietnamese troops are being trained.

"My present visit to the United States is not intended to convince the United States to maintain troops in Vietnam," Ky said.